



Nominate an outstanding teacher today!

For the fifth consecutive year, Foundation *Odyssey Awards* will honor up to eight teachers from across the state. In addition to a unique plaque, each award recipient will receive a cash prize of \$500.

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The Michigan Historical Center Foundation supports access to museum education programs and teaching approaches that make learning about Michigan history exciting for children across the state.

That is why we have created the *Odyssey Awards* and cordially invite you to submit nominations for this prestigious honor.

This brochure contains the official nominating form and lists all of the material that must accompany entries for the awards.

Why these awards?

Key to all successful education programs, are the dedicated teachers who make learning come alive for their students. Teachers across the state are doing a fantastic job of instilling a passion for learning in young people. The Michigan Historical Center Foundation believes it's important to recognize the efforts of these outstanding teachers and help spread the word about what they are doing in their classrooms to inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.

How it works

All Michigan elementary classroom teachers are eligible for this award. Nominees will be judged on their:

- *depth of knowledge about Michigan history;*
- *leadership in helping others learn about Michigan history, both in their local school district and in their community;*
- *creativity in teaching Michigan history*

Award recipients will be invited to participate in the *Odyssey 2004* celebration to be held October 22, 2004 in Lansing, and will be asked to share their ideas and expertise with other teachers across the state.

Questions?

Questions about the *Odyssey Awards* may be directed to the Foundation Office by calling 517/373-2565 or by writing to the Foundation at the mailing address appearing below.

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2004 *Odyssey Awards*

Official Nomination Form



- Eligibility:** Nominees must teach in a Michigan elementary school.
- Nomination Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked no later than *Friday, June 25, 2004*.
- Entry Requirements:** Five copies of each of the following materials must be mailed to the *Michigan Historical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, MI 48901* by the entry deadline: completed nomination form, two letters of support, the nominee's resume and the letter of nomination.
- Support Letters:** Letters from two individuals who have personal knowledge of the nominee's achievements. The support letters should include the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of the supporters.
- Teacher's Resume:** The nominee's resume, including relevant personal data such as memberships, awards, etc.
- Letter of Nomination:** In a typewritten attachment, please tell us why you are nominating the teacher named for the *2004 Odyssey Award*.
- Your letter of nomination should be no more than 800 words in length and should include information about the nominee's:
- depth of knowledge about Michigan history,
 - demonstrated leadership re Michigan history, both in their local school district and in their local community, and
 - demonstrated creativity in the classroom, teaching Michigan history.
- Awards Announcement:** The names of the *2004 Odyssey Award* recipients will be announced publicly in September 2004. Awards will be presented to recipients in connection with the *Odyssey 2004* celebration to be held on Friday, October 22, 2004 at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing.
- Expectations:** Award recipients will be invited to participate in the Lansing awards ceremony and to share their ideas and expertise with other educators to support the Foundation's goal of promoting creative learning models that inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.



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Please provide the following information about the teacher being nominated:

Teacher's Name:	
Teacher's Home Address:	
City, State & Zip Code:	
County:	
Teacher's Home Phone Number:	
Teacher's School District:	
Teacher's School Building:	
Grade Taught:	
Total Years Teaching:	
Principal's Name:	
School Phone Number:	

Please provide the following information about supporter #1:

Supporter's Name:	
Supporter's Home Address:	
City, State & Zip Code:	
Home Phone Number:	

Please provide the following information about supporter #2:

Supporter's Name:	
Supporter's Home Address:	
City, State & Zip Code:	
Home Phone Number:	

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Your Name:	
Your Home Address:	
City, State & Zip Code:	
Your Home Phone Number:	